

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Nancy Ballance, on April 19, 2017 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 102
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)
Rep. Randy Brodehl, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kelly McCarthy, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Jon A. Knokey (R)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joe Triem, Legislative Branch
Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 154, 4/18/2017; SB 362, 4/18/2017; SB 368, 4/18/2017
Executive Action: SB 154, SB 362

HEARING ON SB 154

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:35 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 154, Revise net metering incentives.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:03:04 Sen. Lang

HEARING ON SB 362

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:29 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 362, Requiring transparency in health care pricing.

00:05:19 Rep. Patelis joined meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:38 Bruce Spencer, America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)

00:08:20 Rep. Lynch joined meeting

00:08:25 Jennifer Hensley, Pacific Source Health Plans

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:16 Rep. Tschida

00:10:36 Jennifer Hensley, Pacific Source Health Plans

00:11:08 Rep. Glimm joined meeting.

00:11:13 Rep. Hamlett

00:11:44 Sen. Buttrey

00:11:52 Rep. Hamlett

00:12:03 Sen. Buttrey

00:12:46 Rep. Woods

00:13:05 Rep. Brodehl

00:13:43 Sen. Buttrey

00:15:04 Rep. Brodehl

00:15:25 Sen. Buttrey

00:16:25 Rep. Woods

00:16:46 Sen. Buttrey

00:17:33 Chair Ballance

00:17:47 Sen. Buttrey
00:18:03 Chair Ballance
00:18:11 Sen. Buttrey

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:26 Sen. Buttrey

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 154

00:19:49 **Motion:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **SB 154 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:19:58 Rep. Woods

00:20:15 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Ellis, Rep. Hamlett, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Keane, Rep. Lynch, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Ryan and Rep. Woods voting no. Rep. Ballance will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 362

00:22:13 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **SB 362 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 19-3 by voice vote with Rep. Keane, Rep. Lynch and Rep. Ryan voting no. Rep. Ballance will carry the bill.

Committee Business:

00:23:16 Chair Ballance
00:23:42 Joe Triem, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:25:27 Chair Ballance

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 25:30

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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